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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
18 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

19 Kari Lake and Mark Finchem,	) No. 2:22-cv-00677-JJT
	)
20 Plaintiffs,	) <b>ARIZONA SECRETARY OF</b>
	) <b>STATE'S RESPONSE TO</b>
21 v.	) <b>ARIZONA REPUBLICAN</b>
	) <b>PARTY'S BRIEF AMICUS</b>
22 Katie Hobbs, in her official capacity as	) <b>CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF</b>
23 Arizona Secretary of State, et al.,	) <b>PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR</b>
24 Defendants.	) <b>PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION</b>
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1 Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs (“Secretary”) responds briefly to the Arizona  
 2 Republican Party’s amicus curiae brief [Doc. 53], which does nothing to save Plaintiffs’ tardy  
 3 and meritless claims.

4 The Secretary wishes only to provide the Court with information rebutting the Arizona  
 5 Republican Party’s claim [Doc. 53 at 6] that she “refused to comply with her statutory duty to  
 6 propound a lawful Elections Procedures Manual,” which it says is evidence that “Maricopa  
 7 and Pima County’s electronic voting systems will be devoid of even some of the protections  
 8 that they enjoyed in 2020.” Just last week, Yavapai County Superior Court Judge John Napper  
 9 rejected these claims, holding that: (1) the Secretary in fact fulfilled her statutory duty and did  
 10 not abuse her discretion in providing the Attorney General with a draft 2021 Election  
 11 Procedures Manual (“EPM”), and (2) the 2019 EPM, the last EPM approved by the Attorney  
 12 General and the Governor, “currently remains” in effect and continues to provide guidance to  
 13 elections officials. [See **Exhibit 1** (6/17/2022 Under Advisement Ruling and Order Re: Special  
 14 Action and Summary Judgment)] The Arizona Republican Party’s claims about the Secretary  
 15 are thus both irrelevant and incorrect.

16 Respectfully submitted this 21st day of June, 2022.

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